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Please delete claim 4 and substitute new claim 4 as follows:

4. (amended) The food casing of Claim 3 wherein the aqueous emulsion contains from about 1 to about 5 weight percent polyglyceryl ester.

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[Please delete claim 7 and substitute new claim 7 as follows:]

7. (amended) The food casing of Claim 3, wherein the aqueous emulsion additionally contains up to about 5 weight percent of a water insoluble low viscosity oil.

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[Please delete claim 8 and substitute new Claim 8 as follows:]

8.(amended) A food casing comprising an internal surface coating of a dried aqueous emulsion comprising at least one polyglyceryl ester wherein the aqueous emulsion additionally contains up to about 5 weight percent of a water insoluble low viscosity oil.

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[Please delete claim 11 and substitute new claim 11 as follows:]

11. (amended) The food casing of Claim 3 wherein the emulsion contains from about 10 to about 20 weight percent of a polyhydric alcohol.

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[Please delete claim 16 and substitute new claim 16 as follows:]

16.(amended) A food casing comprising an internal surface coating of a dried aqueous emulsion comprising polyglyceryl ester which polyglyceryl ester consists essentially of a mixture of triglyceryltetraoleate and triglycerylmonooleate where the amount of triglyceryltetraoleate is greater than the amount of triglycerylmonooleate.